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Winter Wheat Forecast

Winter wheat production is expected to dip 4 percent nationwide in 2010, but production in the Pacific Northwest is forecast to rise 11 percent to 216 million bushels. Optimistic yield increases are forecast for the Pacific Northwest based on May 1 conditions, led by Idaho with 85 bushels per ton.

Production changes correspond directionally to expected changes in harvested acres. Oregon, Idaho and Washington expect to harvest more acres in 2010. In Oregon, 830 acres are forecast for harvesting, the most since 2003. Along with a 3 bushels-per-acre increase in yield, Oregon winter wheat production is expected to reach a 12-year high of 49 million bushels, 17 percent more than last year.

**Winter wheat: Acres harvested, yield, and production, Pacific Northwest
and United States, 2009 and forecasted May 1, 2010**

State/area	Area harvested			Yield		Production		
	2009	Forecast 2010	2010/2009	2009	Forecast 2010	2009	Forecast 2010	2010/2009
	<i>1,000 acres</i>	<i>1,000 acres</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Bushels</i>	<i>Bushels</i>	<i>1,000 bushels</i>	<i>1,000 bushels</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Oregon	750	830	111	56.0	59.0	42,000	48,970	117
Idaho	700	740	106	81.0	85.0	56,700	62,900	111
Washington	1,640	1,710	104	59.0	61.0	96,760	104,310	108
Pacific Northwest ¹	3,090	3,280	106	63.2	65.9	195,460	216,180	111
United States	34,485	31,786	92	44.2	45.9	1,522,718	1,458,350	96

¹ Includes Oregon, Idaho, and Washington.

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